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IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claim 25 with replacement claim 25 as identified below:

25. (Twice Amended) A method of transporting containers with a marine vessel

comprising the steps of:

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